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FACT SHEET

Kabul Schools Program

OVERVIEW

The objective of the Kabul Schools Program is to improve existing schools in Kabul, better serving the educational needs of more than 12,000 boys and girls. Through the program, USAID has rehabilitated school facilities in the Kabul area and is constructing two new secondary school facilities, the Sardar Kabuli High School and the Ghazi High School.

USAID has provided designs that meet international building standards with specific attention to seismic criteria. The Kabul Schools Program includes capacity-building through on-the-job vocational training to Afghan engineers. Throughout the implementation period, USAID has provided independent quality assurance oversight to monitor and evaluate construction quality. The Ghazi High School opened for classes in March 2011 and is nearing final completion. Work is expected to be completed at the Sardar High School in fall 2011.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Sardar Kabuli High School

- Construct a new multi-story building with 53 classrooms, laboratories, library and administrative offices, including an enclosed interior wheelchair access ramp servicing all three levels of the facility
- Make site improvements and construct underground utilities for the facility

Kabul Classrooms Program

- Design and construct five latrines at four school sites
- Replace drinking water supply systems at seven school sites

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided improved drinking water and sanitary facilities at seven Kabul high schools
- Created 940 Afghan jobs, including 793 construction jobs, 65 professional positions, and 21 administrative positions
- Provided construction training to university engineering students
- Opened the Ghazi High School in March 2011

Ghazi High School

- Constructed two new three-story classroom buildings with 72 classrooms, including an enclosed link way that connects the classroom blocks and provides ramps for wheelchair access
- Made site improvements and constructed underground utilities for the facility
- Provided furniture and equipment to the school